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TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

ALBERT S. HOLMAN, AMBROSE B. McINTIRE,
JOSEPH A. PUTNAM.

Clerk.

W. S. ARNOLD.

Treasurer.

HENRY R. ROBINSON.

Superintendent of Schools.

B. W. KILBRETH.

Collector.

WILLARD S. ARNOLD.

Constable.

WILLARD S. ARNOLD.

School Committee.

O. L. KNIGHT, A. B. McINTIRE, JOHN BURGESS.

Board of Health.

N. G. McINTIRE, E. S. NEWTON, E. G. CHILD.

Truant Officer.

E. S. NEWTON.

Report of Selectmen.

The Selectmen of the town of Peru submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 12, 1909.

VALUATION.

Real estate, resident,	$150,174 00	
Real estate, non-resident,	41,827	
Personal estate, resident,	44,915 00	
Personal, estate, non-resident,	3,399 00	
Total valuation,		$240,315 00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

State tax,	$763 05	
County tax,	436 26	
To defray town charges,	600 00	
For support of poor,	400 00	
For roads and bridges,	2,000 00	
For common schools,	1,100 00	
For school books,	125 00	
For school maps,	25 00	
For repairs on schoolhouses,	250 00	
For purchase Union Hall,	300 00	
For purchase road machine,	250 00	
For State road,	216 00	
Overlay,	202 71	
Supplementary tax,	6 00	
Total commitment,		$6,674 02

Percentage of assessment .026.

Number of polls taxed, 210.

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

We have leased the town farm and personal property thereon to A. B. McIntire for one year from April 6th, 1908. He is to leave the farm and personal property in as good condition as when he received it and pay the town $60.00.

Schedule of personal property on the farm: 12 hens, 100 lbs. pork, two-thirds bbl. flour

Expended for barbed wire for farm,		$ 2 97
Balance in favor of farm,		57 03

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF TOWN'S POOR.

Paid L. D. Small for support of Mrs. Gammon,	$74 79	
Paid W. L. Roberts for casket, robe etc.,	36 50	
		$111 29
Paid burial expenses of Mrs. Lenora Knight:		
Paid G. W. Goding & Son,	$31 55	
M. T. Deshon for digging grave.	5 00	
Rev. Geo. B. Hannaford,	3 00	
Dr. J. S. Sturtevant,	2 50	
		$42 05
Paid town of Paris for support of Oscar Allen and family,		$43 93
Paid town of Monmouth for support of F. J. Wing,	$18 50	
Paid town of Leeds,	10 00	
		$28 50
Paid town of Leeds for support of Stephen P. Wing,		$3 00
Total amount expended for town's poor,		$228 77

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS.

Paid Geo. W. Goding and Son for supplies furnished Roscoe Coolidge,	$15 77	
Paid Wm. Child for wood,	7 00	
		$22 77
Paid Samuel F. Wing for board of Lillian Terrio,		$15 00
Paid Geo. W. Goding & Son for supplies for C. H. Wing,	$128 32	
Paid Charles Andrews for board and wood,	54 00	
Pair Cyrus Goding for wood,	10 00	
Paid J. A. Putnam for wood,	22 00	
Paid Hannah J. Child for washing,	6 00	
Paid J. C. Wyman for wood,	1 50	
		$221 82
		$259 59

Received from town of Dixfield on account of Roscoe Coolidge,	$ 22 77	
Received from Livermore on account of Lillian Terrio,	15 00	
Received from State on account of C. H. Wing,	153 85	
Due from State on account of C. H. Wing,	67 97	
		$259 59

PAID MAINE INSANE HOSPITAL.

For support of Wallace Deshon,	$178 87	
For support of Lena E. Durrell,	224 45	
For support of Sarah Lovejoy,	147 11	
		$550 43

Received from M. T. Deshon, guardian, on account of Wallace Deshon,	$178 87	
Received from town of Dixfield on account of Lena Durrell,	224 45	
Due from the town of Rumford on account of Sarah Lovejoy,	147 11	
		$550 43

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation,	$2,000 00
Amount set aside for State road,	84 00
Amount available for highway,	$1,916 00

EXPENDED.

By O. T. Woodbury, Road Commissioner previous to March 2, 1908.

Paid	H. H. Andrews, labor,	$ 3 20
	E. B. Fletcher, labor,	10 20
	E. G. Bassett, labor,	9 44
	J. E. Conant, labor,	2 80
	W. H. Phinney, watering tub,	2 50
	H. R. Robinson, labor,	2 40
	O. C. Hopkins, labor,	2 15
	James Miller, labor,	5 70
	Sewell Staples, labor,	6 00
	George Oldham, labor,	2 40
	L. F. Oldham, labor,	2 40
	M. G. Morrill & Son, labor,	2 10
	J. R. Morrill, labor,	2 40
	Walter Cunningham, labor,	2 25
	D. W. Oldham, labor,	1 95
	J. C. Wyman, watering tub,	3 00
	A. M. Curtis, labor,	4 35
	L. H. Davenport, labor,	1 50
	Robert Gillespie, labor,	40

Ned Farrar, labor,	4 25
E. E. Demerritt, labor,	1 50
C. A. Lane, labor,	1 50
Walter Knox, labor,	1 50
D. L. Chenery, labor,	6 90
E. G. Child, labor,	1 12
A. S. Holman, labor,	2 25
H. H. Andrews, labor,	3 20
Alex McFee, labor,	6 67
A. B. McIntire, labor,	1 50
M. T. Deshon, labor,	4 00
Melvin Knox, labor,	4 60
L. O. Babb, labor,	6 55
C. J. Howard, labor,	1 28
A. J. Farrar,	9 00
S. A. Getchell,	1 50
	$124 46

EXPENDED BY E. C. STAPLES, SUMMER WORK.

Paid	John Gillespie, labor,	$ 6 00
	Alton York,	19 50
	Harry Pinkham,	26 00
	C. W. Knox,	18 00
	Chandler B. Knox,	15 00
	E. S. Newton,	3 25
	Ned Farrar,	2 10
	Harry Pinkham,	12 00
	Charles E. Knox,	13 50
	Flavil Knight,	9 00
	Oscar Putnam,	53 00
	Ernest O. Delano,	6 75
	Cleston Knox,	21 75
	Stanley Hammond,	15 00
	James Saunders,	18 30
	Will Lovejoy,	13 50
	C. W. Knox,	6 00

Alton York,	7 50
John Gillespie,	12 90
Victor Eastman,	19 50
Alton Burgess,	9 00
Clifton Fletcher,	17 25
Charles Burgess,	28 50
B. B. Forbes,	10 50
E. C. Staples for plank and material,	84 00
John Gillespie, labor,	12 75
Wm. Johnson, labor,	32 81
John Gillespie, labor,	4 17
John A. Putnam, labor,	24 00
S. A. Getchell, plank,	25 75
Will Hopkins, labor,	18 00
John A. Putnam, labor,	20 00
E. C. Staples, services,	164 20
Roy Bisbee, labor,	26 25
Ernest Sturtevant, labor,	24 75
Flavil Knight, labor,	30 00
Clifton Fletcher, labor,	31 50
Roy Bisbee, labor,	8 75
Gardner McAllister, labor,	9 00
A. L. York, labor,	24 00
Cleston Knox, labor,	13 50
William Johnson, labor,	7 19
Harry Pinkham, labor,	20 00
Manley Farrar,	6 00
C. W. Knox, labor,	16 50
James Saunders, labor,	8 75
A. J. Farrar, labor,	47 50
Chandler B. Knox, labor,	6 00
Benj. B. Forbes, labor,	19 25
Chandler B. Knox, labor,	3 00
Charles Burgess, labor,	21 75
J. P. York, labor,	31 83
Ira B. Wing, labor,	3 20
H. H. Andrews, labor,	13 00

Ernest Andrews, labor,	10 95
L. E. Irish, labor,	6 00
Ernest Delano, labor,	13 50
L. F. Oldham, labor,	4 80
C. W. Knox, labor,	9 75
Oren M. Phelps, labor,	3 00
E. M. Worthley, plank,	36 00
A. D. Wentworth, labor,	135 00
C. E. Knox, labor,	21 00
Daniel W. Walker, labor,	3 00
W. S. Hotham, labor,	117 00
E. C. Staples, material,	17 63
Frank Demerritt, labor,	9 15
Frank Marshall, labor,	22 50
Kidder Brothers, lumber,	22 26
C. L. Matthews, labor,	13 00
C. B. Haines, labor,	9 00
Thomas Cunningham, labor,	14 65
Harry Pinkham, labor,	9 33
Will Hopkins, labor,	12 66
Victor Eastman, labor,	12 66
H. H. Andrews, labor,	16 00
Will Lovejoy, labor,	2 65
M. N. Oldham, labor,	75
Alex McFee, labor,	2 10
Melvin Knox, labor,	22 66
C. W. Knox, labor,	7 66
E. B. Fletcher, labor,	2 25
G. McAllister, labor,	2 85
Frank Demerritt, labor,	14 00
Alton York, labor,	6 16
Will Lovejoy, labor,	4 16
Benj. Forbes, labor,	1 50
John Wiken, labor,	12 00
C. J. Tracy, labor,	1 13
Thomas Cunningham, labor,	5 50
Lovell Oldham, labor,	10 00

W. S. Hotham, labor,	18 40
J. C. Oldham, labor,	10 68
D. W. Walker, labor,	1 15
Harold L. Holman, labor,	2 49
E. B. Knox, labor,	2 50
Charles Howard, labor,	10 50
J. W. Gowell, labor,	6 00
Alton York, labor,	8 25
E. W. Sturtevant, labor,	2 00
E. C. Staples, labor,	56 00
Leon Child, labor,	75
Herbert Bowker, labor,	2 10
A. S. Holman, labor,	1 80
Earl E. Heward, labor,	25 18
A. S. Holman, labor,	3 00
D. W. Piper, labor,	2 00
L. E. Irish, labor,	2 00
J. C. Wyman, plank,	34 43
James E. Irish, use of watering tub,	3 00
E. M. Howard, labor,	5 00
G. W. Coates, labor,	1 98
Milford Phelps, labor,	2 00
Melvin Knox, labor,	4 00
H. R. Robinson, labor,	1 75
E. E. Cox, labor,	40
E. G. Bassett, labor,	8 80
L. O. Babb, labor,	4 12
W. H. Phinney, use of watering tub,	3 00
N. B. Lufkin, labor,	7 85
H. A. Chase, labor,	3 00
J. C. Wyman, watering tub,	3 00
Ernest Delano, labor,	15 00
E. S. Demerritt, watering tub,	5 00
	$2,003 14

SNOW BILLS FOR WINTER OF 1908—1909.

Paid	Lovell F. Oldham,	$10 70
	Columbus Oldham,	3 45
	Henry Robinson & Son,	11 67
	B. D. Packard,	8 15
	G. H. Libby,	13 91
	Kidder Brothers,	8 58
	A. W. Knight,	11 49
	John Gillespie,	6 90
	N. B. Lufkin,	7 05
	C. J. Howard,	5 28
	E. G. Bassett,	38 53
	W. N. Cox,	14 21
	N. A. Chase,	3 90
	Leon McIntire,	2 78
	J. E. Conant,	12 01
	E. Wiken,	4 50
	L. E. Irish,	1 65
	D. W. Oldham,	3 15
	Sidney C. Goggin,	2 25
	E. W. Davenport,	5 63
	N. L. Lovejoy,	7 35
	Daniel Lovejoy,	4 80
	Walter Knox,	6 30
	W. S. Hotham,	21 50
	Herbert Lunt,	8 70
	M. G. Morrill & Son,	6 60
	E. W. Knox,	14 02
	Cleston Knox,	1 57
	Y. O. Stanwood,	1 35
	R. W. Hill,	1 35
	E. L. Knox,	7 30
	W. E. Taylor,	6 36
	E. E. Demerritt,	1 20
	G. B. Gordon,	3 15
	C. J. Tracy,	2 85
	Maurice Tracy,	1 72

E. G. Child,	1 73	
O. O. Tracy,	3 75	
A. C. Hammond,	8 87	
L. K. Lovejoy,	9 60	
Ceylon Putnam,	3 53	
H. H. Andrews,	18 00	
Geo. W. Coates,	12 81	
C. H. Haines,	18 30	
P. B. Child,	60	
H. E. Bowker,	1 79	
D. R. Chandler,	26	
Frank Demerritt,	12 52	
J. E. Dow,	3 40	
U. G. McIntire,	4 24	
Geo. W. Oldham,	3 60	
Sewell Staples,	1 20	
A. McFee,	13 60	
A. S. Holman,	3 25	
M. T. Deshon,	1 55	
D. L. Chenery,	6 24	
James E. Irish,	3 60	
D. C. Chenery,	2 77	
E. W. Sturtevant,	5 51	
Joseph A. Putnam,	2 58	
Vernon Farrar,	7 75	
John Russell,	3 07	
A. B. McIntire,	4 17	
A. L. Harlow,	1 52	
John Burgess,	1 35	
		$433 07
Total amount expended,		$2,560 67

ROAD MACHINE.

Appropriation,		$250 00
Paid Good Road Machine Co. for road machine,	$237 61	
Paid M. C. R. R., freight,	12 39	
		$250 00

STATE ROAD.

Amount available for State road:

Amount of highway money set apart,	$ 84 00	
Amount raised by vote of town,	216 00	
Amount received from State,	157 50	
		$457 50

EXPENDITURES.

Paid	Will Lovejoy,	$10 50
	Harry Pinkham,	20 00
	Alton York,	15 00
	W. S. Hotham,	32 00
	Roy Bisbee,	12 55
	C. W. Knox,	13 50
	Benjamin B. Forbes,	18 37
	Charles Burgess,	14 25
	Will Lovejoy,	2 85
	E. C. Staples, cash paid for material,	41 40
	Harry Pinkham,	2 00
	Chandler B. Knox,	8 25
	Albert Frost,	13 00
	Victor Eastman,	9 33
	Will Hopkins,	9 33
	E. C. Staples, cash paid for labor and material,	13 31
	J. Wiken,	1 83
	A. D. Wentworth,	2 00
	John A. Putnam,	4 00

James W. Gowell,	3 00	
E. Staples,	36 25	
C. W. Knox,	2 00	
		$284 72
Unexpended balance,		$172 78

SCHOOLS.

RECEIPTS.

Amount raised by town,	$1,100 00	
Mill tax from State,	905 10	
Interest on permanent school fund,	34 38	
		$2,039 48
Bills paid approved by School Committee,		$2,027 05
Unexpended balance,		$12 43

DISBURSEMENTS.

HIGH SCHOOL.

No appropriation.

Paid town of Dixfield for tuition of high school pupils.

Paid town of Gorham,	$ 15 20
Paid town of Canton,	27 63
Paid town of Dixfield,	290 00
	$332 83

SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIR ACCOUNT.

Appropriated by town to buy and repair Union Hall for school purposes,	$300 00	
Appropriated for repairs on schoolhouses,	250 00	
Unexpended balance,	84	
		$550 84

EXPENDITURES.

Paid W. S. Arnold, exec. of estate of J. A. Arnold for 48 shares Union Hall,	$150 00	
Noah Hall for 6 shares,	15 00	
Ida J. Arnold for 1 share,	2 50	
Ada Demerritt, for 1 share,	2 50	
for repairs,	349 81	
		$519 81
Balance unexpended,		$31 03

TEXT BOOKS.

Appropriation,	$125 00	
Unexpended balance,	40 27	
Received from books sold,	10 46	
		$175 73
Disbursements,		172 42
Balance unexpended,		$3 31

APPARATUS ACCOUNT.

Appropriated,	$25 00	
Disbursements,	16 50	
Unexpended,		$8 50

ABATEMENTS.

Francis B. Carpenter, poll 1906,	$2 00
John Williams, poll and personal,	3 26
Fred Williamson, poll 1907,	2 00
	$7 26

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid	E. C. Bowler, reports for 1908,	$25 00
	Loring, Short & Harmon for blanks,	16 10
	W. S. Arnold, cash paid out in Stanwood case,	9 10
	onehalf expense of running ferry,	57 92
	O. C. Hopkins, for repairs on cemetery,	2 00
	A. S. Holman, for wire fence for school lot,	4 65
	A. S. Holman, labor fencing school lot,	75
	J. S. Russell, labor fencing school lot,	5 06
	B. C. Kidder, cedar posts and labor,	7 09
	W. S. Arnold, error in tax bills of 1906,	52
	H. R. Robinson, for surveying,	2 75
	J. S. Sturtevant, certificates of births and deaths,	5 50
	O. T. Woodbury, housing road machine,	5 00
	H. R. Robinson, for incidentals,	2 46
	Joseph H. Lovejoy, damage by dogs,	117 00
	Ernest Sturtevant, damage by dogs,	15 00
	A. J. Farrar, damage by dogs,	4 00
	C. J. Tracy, damage by dogs,	4 00
	O. O. Tracy, damage by dogs,	4 00
	Emerson Oldham, damage by dogs,	8 00
	E. B. Fletcher, damage by dogs,	4 00
	U. G. McIntire, cash paid for chemicals,	19 20
	A. S. Holman, cash paid for incidentals,	5 63
	incidentals for schools,	153 26
		$477 99

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Paid	W. S. Arnold, town clerk,	$ 17 97
	H. R. Robinson, treasurer,	45 00
	B. W. Kilbreth, superintendent,	109 90
	O. L. Knight, member of school committee,	3 38
	A. B. McIntire, member of school committee,	2 70
	John Burgess, member of school committee,	1 50
	E. S. Newton, services board of health,	10 97

	U. G. McIntire, services board of health,	15 05
	E. G. Child, services board of health,	1 75
	A. S. Holman, selectman, assessor, etc.,	120 58
	A. B. McIntire, selectman, assessor, etc.,	82 50
	Joseph A. Putnam, selectman, assessor, etc.,	50 10
	W. S. Arnold, collector,	60 00
Due	W. S. Arnold, collector,	9 99
Paid	Howard Turner, ballot clerk,	1 50
	H. R. Robinson, services as ballot clerk,	3 00
	Adna W. Knight, services as ballot clerk,	1 50
		$537 39

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Expense of poor,		$228 77
Expense of roads and bridges,		2,560 67
Paid	for Union Hall and repairs,	483 41
	State road,	284 72
	tuition,	332 83
	for repairs on schoolhouses,	36 40
	for text books,	172 42
	abatements,	7 26
	miscellaneous expenses,	477 99
	town officers' bills,	537 39
	interest on permanent school fund,	34 38
	for road machine,	250 00
		$5,406 24

RECEIPTS.

Amount raised	to defray town charges,	$ 600 00
	for support of poor,	400 00
	for roads and bridges,	2,000 00
	to buy Union Hall,	300 00
	for road machine,	250 00
	for school books,	125 00
	for repairs on schoolhouses,	250 00
	for State road,	216 00

Received from State on account of State road,	157 50
Overlay,	202 71
Supplementary tax,	6 00
Received from State dog licenses refunded,	50 96
Received from State on account of damage done by dogs,	156 00
Due from State on account of damage by dogs,	4 00
Received from Superintendent of schools for books sold,	11 95
Due from State for tuition,	166 41
Due from A. B. McIntire, rent of town farm,	60 00
	$4,956 53

UNPAID TAXES OF 1909.

Barlow S. Austin,	$4 77	
Frank Andrews,	4 18	
Leroy Bisbee,	4 34	
Ernest Delano,	2 00	
Melvin P. Frost,	2 00	
Eliza Francis,	57	
Albert Francis,	2 00	
Bert C. Kidder,	14 02	
Gardner McAllister,	5 46	
Benj. A. Swasey,	1 31	
Sewell Staples,	10 20	
Paul St. Cyre,	2 65	
Albert Stanwood,	12 45	
Sewell Walker,	2 00	
Alton Burgess,	2 00	
Fred Buker,	2 00	
Frank Stanwood,	2 00	
Hersey K. Williams,	1 04	
		$74 99

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN, FEB. 12, 1908

RESOURCES.

Cash in hands of treasurer,	$2,625 70	
Due on tax bills of 1908,	74 99	
Tax deeds on hand,	136 74	
Due from State on account of paupers,	67 97	
Due from State, tuition,	100 21	
Due from town of Rumford, account of Sarah Lovejoy,	147 11	
Due from A. B. McIntire, rent of town farm,	60 00	
Town farm and personal property,	533 00	
Due from State on account of dogs,	4 00	
		$3,749 72

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders,	$1,175 73	
Due the collector,	9 99	
		$1,185 72
Resources more than liabilities,		$2,564 00

A. S. HOLMAN,
A. B. McINTIRE,
JOSEPH A. PUTNAM,
Selectmen of Peru.

Treasurer's Report.

Feb. 14, 1908. H. R. ROBINSON, Treas. Dr.

To tax deeds on hand,		$ 132 67
Amount due on tax bills of 1906,		193 93
Amount due on tax bills of 1907,		196 25
Amount of cash on hand,		3,159 51
Feb. 23.	Rec'd for books and stationery,	12 80
Mar. 3.	State, on acct. of paupers,	80 68
4.	Town of Dixfield on account of paupers,	13 72
Apr. 21.	State Treasurer, dog license refund,	50 96
23.	Town of Dixfield, on acct. of Mrs. Durrell,	52 00
May 11.	Commitment of 1908,	6,668 02
14.	Interest on tax deeds,	42
June 1.	From M. T. Deshon, on account of Wallace Deshon,	40 26
	From town of Dixfield on acct. of paupers,	15 77
	From town of Dixfield on acct. of Mrs. Durrell,	59 78
Aug. 3.	From State, on acct. of paupers,	76 00
	From town clerk, dog license,	91 00
19.	From M. T. Deshon on acct. of Wallace Deshon,	40 87
Sept. 7.	From Superintendent, books sold,	3 00
	Interest on tax deeds,	2 47
28.	From State on acct. of paupers,	36 22

Oct. 8.	From Dixfield on acct. of Mrs. Durrell,	52 57
2.	From Superintendent, for books sold,	3 69
16.	From State on acct. of State road,	157 50
22.	M. T. Deshon, on acct. of Wallace Deshon,	52 20
Nov. 11.	Commitment of supplementary tax,	6 00
Dec. 21.	From State on acct. of paupers,	52 63
22.	From Dixfield,	2 52
24.	From State, damage by dogs,	156 00
26.	From Dixfield, on acct. of Mrs. Durrell,	60 10
Jan. 1.	From State, tuition refunded,	200 80
6.	State, school fund,	905 10
Feb. 4.	From M. T. Deshon on acct. Wallace Deshon,	44 54
10.	From Town of Livermore,	15 00
	From Dixfield, on acct. of ferry,	13 72
	From Dixfield on acct. of paupers,	7 00
		$12,655 70

Feb. 12, 1908 Cr.

By town orders turned over,	8,527 92
Receipts turned over,	1,290 31
Tax deeds on hand,	136 74
Amount due on tax bills of 1908,	74 79
Cash,	2,625 94
	$12,655 70

HENRY R. ROBINSON, *Treasurer.*

Report of School Committee.

To the citizens of Peru.

We hereby submit our report for the year ending Feb. 18, 1909.

Following is the report of the Superintendent of schools which we have accepted.

We wish to call your attention to the condition of school-houses, also work on Union Hall. The amount of money appropriated to buy, repair and furnish the hall was insufficient. After buying the hall, there was only enough money left to furnish it. To make necessary repairs we were obliged to use the money appropriated for general repairs or call a special town meeting and ask for another appropriation. We chose the former, thereby making it necessary to delay repairs on other houses.

The Pond house needs quite extensive repairs. East Peru considerable inside work. West Peru, shingled on one side. Dickvale shingled on one side, also slight repairs on other houses. Considerable painting needs to be done in the near future.

We recommend the following appropriations: for schools, $1,300.00; repairs on school houses, $200.00; for text books, $75.00; for the tuition of high school scholars, $250.00

O. L. KNIGHT,
A. B. McINTIRE,
JOHN BURGESS,
School Committee of Peru.

Report of Superintendent of Schools.

To the Superintending School Committee of Peru:

The Superintendent of Schools respectfully submits the following report of the deeds, progress and condition of the common schools.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number of persons in town from 5 to 21 years of age,	221
Number of pupils registered in spring term,	130
Number of pupils registered in fall term,	124
Number of pupils registered in winter term,	121
Average attendance in spring term,	109
Average attendance in fall term,	111
Average attendance in winter term,	103
Number of terms taught by male teachers,	3
Number of terms taught by female teachers,	18
Average wages of teachers per week,	$8 05
Number of cases of tardiness for the year,	202
Number of pupils not absent one-half day,	59
Average number of daily recitations,	24
Number of visits of citizens,	94
Number of visits of Superintendent,	51

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Appropriation, 1908-'09,	$1,100 00	
School land fund,	34 38	
State school fund and mill tax,	905 10	
Total amount available,		$2,039 48

Paid teachers' salaries,	$1,740 00	
Paid janitors',	45 20	
Paid for conveyance,	152 00	
Paid for fuel,	89 85	
		$2,027 05
Unexpended, Feb. 20, 1909,		$12 43

FUEL.

A. J. Farrar,	$ 2 25	
Howard Turner,	3 75	
Charlie Clark,	75	
O. L. Knight,	75	
Fred Raymond,	1 00	
Eva Dixon,	50	
John Wyman,	75	
H. R. Robinson,	75	
Fred Bassett,	1 35	
Thomas Rolls,	11 25	
		$23 10

ORDERS NOT DRAWN.

H. R. Robinson,	$12 75	
E. G. Bassett,	10 00	
John Burgess,	44 00	
		$66 75
		$89 85

JANITORS.

Leslie Irish,	$ 90	
Carroll Robinson,	1 50	
Fred Bassett,	1 50	
William Jordan,	1 25	
Lottie McIntire,	1 50	
Olive Johnson,	1 50	
Ethel Kidder,	2 40	
Jessie F. Carr,	2 50	
Mary Wyman,	2 50	
Eva J. Dixon, (two terms)	4 90	
B. W. Kilbreth, " "	9 80	
Florence Giffin, " "	4 90	
Mildred Walker, " "	5 15	
Alice Kilbreth, " "	4 90	
		$45 20

CONVEYANCE.

Roscoe Tracy, spring,	$ 5 00	
Mrs. Elmer Knox, spring and fall	93 00	
Geo. Oldham, spring and fall,	54 00	
		$152 00

TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT.

Appropriation,	125 00	
Unexpended balance,	40 27	
Books sold to A. S. Holman,	3 00	
" " " Erland Frost,	50	
" " " Lyman Swasey,	25	
" " " Leona Taylor,	50	
" " " town of Dixfield,	6 21	
Total amount available,		$175 73

EXPENDITURES.

American Book Company,	11 76	
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	18 40	
Ginn Company,	7 50	
American Book Company,	90 34	
Ginn Company,	34 32	
American Book Company,	10 10	
		$172 42
Unexpended balance,		$3 31

REPAIRS ACCOUNT.

Appropriation,	$250 00	
Unexpended balance,	84	
Cash received from C. M. Small,	2 50	
Cash received from Benj. Forbes,	50	
		$253 84

EXPENDITURES.

A. A. Burgess,	$ 7 83	
Barrett & Kidder,	18 97	
Dixfield Lumber Co.,	85	
Atherton Furniture Co.,	8 75	
		$36 40
Balance unexpended		$217 44

This sum of money is transferred to special repairs account.

SPECIAL REPAIRS ACCOUNT.

Appropriation,	$300 00	
Transferred from regular account,	217 44	
		$517 44

EXPENDITURES.

Henry G. Thayer,	$43 67	
Me. R. R., freight,	8 95	
J. A. Putnum,	1 25	
Geo. W. Goding & Son,	3 07	
E. C. Staples,	12 47	
A. H. Stockbridge,	3 84	
Atherton Furniture Co.,	11 25	
Kidder Bros.,	14 50	
Dixfield Lumber Co.,	26 36	
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	90 77	
A. A. Burgess,	48 85	
B. W. Kilbreth,	35 69	
J. G. Hall,	3 65	
C. M. Small,	5 00	
W. G. Harlow,	7 09	
		$316 41
Balance unexpended,		$201 03

INCIDENTAL EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS.

Guy O. Gardiner for ink and pens,	$ 2 30
Sumner Knox, (horse hire, Supt's. use,)	3 75
Edward E. Babb & Co. for newspaper pads and call bells,	15 50
Holt Bros., printing paper and envelopes,	11 10
S. F. Robinson for pens, (2 gross),	1 50
Atkinson, Mentzer & Grover for two doz. Riggs Class Records,	6 40
Smith and Sale for eight Barton's school registers,	6 00
B. W. Kilbreth, postage, express, freight, and water pail,	4 91
C. P. Howe, one doz, brooms,	2 60

Alice Kilbreth for cleaning Union school house,	2 50	
D. H. Knowlton & Co. colored crayons, occupation and number cards,	3 25	
Barrett & Kidder, chalk, ink, broom, and paper,	6 85	
B. W. Kilbreth, telephoning, car fare, postage and ink,	2 05	
Josiah Hall for horse hire, (Supt's. use),	1 00	
Edward E. Babb & Co., book covers, pointers, erasers, examination paper, pen holders,	20 95	
Mrs. Della Oldham, cleaning Pond school house,	2 00	
B. W. Kilbreth, car fare, postage, telephoning, express, freight,	7 89	
Mrs. May Goggin, cleaning Center school house,	2 00	
Mrs Cora Fletcher, cleaning West Peru, Dickvale, and East Peru school rooms,	8 50	
J. G. Hall, horse hire, (Supt's. use),	8 75	
Holt Bros., printing rank bills, 250 courses of study and 125 examination cards,	9 05	
B. W. Kilbreth, car fare, express, postage, ink,	5 60	
S. F. Robinson, pens, ink, mucilage,	4 40	
Edward E. Babb & Co., 100 newspaper pads,	2 50	
J. G. Hall, horse hire (Supt's. use),	3 90	
Kidder Bros., ink,	60	
B. W. Kilbreth, care fare, postage, express, freight, note books,	7 41	
		$153 26

Received for paper sold,	11 82	
Paper on hand unsold,	3 75	
		$15 57
		$137 69

APPARATUS ACCOUNT.

Appropriation,	$25 00	
Balance unexpended,	6 20	
Total amount available,		$31 20

EXPENDITURES.

Eight maps of Maine,	16 00	
Teacher's Manual of Tellurian,	50	
	16 50	
Unexpended,		$14 70

HIGH SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Cash paid out for tuition of Peru scholars attending Dixfield High School.

Henry Brackett, spring term,	$10 00
Archer Burgess, spring term,	10 00
Ethel DeMerritt, three terms,	30 00
Albert Getchell, spring term,	10 00
Sidney Goggin, three terms,	30 00
Leon McIntire, three terms,	30 00
Charlie Robinson, three terms,	30 00
Edward Turner, spring term,	10 00
Gerald Woodsum, three terms,	30 00
Mildred Walker, spring term,	10 00
Colby Walker, spring term,	10 00
Marion and Mary Rowe (fall term, 1907,)	20 00
Jennie Fletcher, two terms,	20 00

Wallace Howard, two terms,	20 00	
Blanche McIntire, two terms	20 00	
		$290 00
Cash paid town of Gorham for tuition of Leo Lunt, four terms,	$15 20	
Cash paid town of Canton for tuition of Harold S. Holman and Colby Walker, two terms,	27 63	
Total amount paid,		$332 83

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Spring.

Name of School.	Teacher.	Pupils Registered.	Average Number.	Length of Term.	Wages
Center	Mabelle Sawyer	19	17	11	$ 8 50
West	Sara C. Lane	36	31	9	8 50
Dickvale	Olive Johnson	18	14	11	7 50
Union	Alice Kilbreth	31	26	10	8 50
East	Raymond Billington	9	6	6 2-5	5 00
Pond	Florence Giffin	17	11	11	7 50

Fall.

Center	Florence Giffin	16	14	12	$ 8 00
West	Leona Taylor	30	25	12	7 50
	Burt W. Kilbreth	14	13	12	10 00
Dickvale	Eva J. Dixon	19	17	12	8 00
Union	Ethel B. Kidder	27	24	12	8 00
East	Mildred Walker	8	7	12	7 00
Pond	Alice Kilbreth	17	16	12	8 50

WINTER.

Center	Florence Giffin	15	13	10	8 00
West	Leona Taylor	26	22	10	7 50
	Burt W. Kilbreth	14	13	10	10 00
Dickvale	Eva J. Dixon	18	14	10	8 00
Highland	Mary Wyman	8	7	10	5 00
Union	Jessie F. Carr	17	15	10	7 00
East	Mildred Walker	8	7	11	7 00
Pond	Alice Kilbreth	13	12	10	8 50

Our course of study was revised a year ago and placed in the hands of the teachers. At the regular meeting of the school board last Aug., we made a few slight changes in it and had copies enough printed for distribution through town.

We have made it a practice whenever possible to hire our teachers for a year. Our school year, as you all know, begins with the fall term, and pupils who complete any years work will be promoted to the next grade at the close of the spring term.

In nearly all cases the teachers have been satisfactory. While we wish to know the short comings of our teachers as seen by the parents, we should like to have the good qualities and strong points reported also; which in a great many cases is not done in this town. Often a word of encouragement or a helpful suggestion is more beneficial than harsh censure or criticism.

Some of us have undertaken work that is new to us, and we all make more mistakes than those who have had years of experience. If we are to succeed in our work we need your help. If our schools are not a success you can help to make them so. If they are profitable you can make them better. All teachers that are true and faithful to their work are glad to correct their faults and failings. They cannot gain the highest success if they are crushed, discouraged and criticised by parents in presence of the

pupils or more especially over the telephone.

Let me urge the parents to visit the schools and take a kindly interest in the work. When parents, teachers, pupils and superintendent all work together, some good results are sure to follow.

TRANSPORTATION.

The pupils from the head of the Pond were conveyed to the Pond school last summer and fall terms. The pupils from the Highland district were also conveyed to the Union School. This winter we thought it advisable to run a school at the Highland schoolhouse and have had a very successful term there.

As the school at East Peru has not maintained an average attendance of eight scholars the past year, we shall be unable to run a school there another year unless the town so votes.

REPAIRS.

The Dickvale schoolhouse has been shingled on one side. Union hall at West Peru has been purchased by the town and fitted up for school purposes. Work must be done this year on the East Peru and Pond schoolhouses. One side of the schoolhouse at West Peru should be shingled. All the schoolhouses need a coat of paint.

TEXT BOOKS.

We have made some changes in the text books in the past year. We have put in new Geographies and Grammars, both large and small, and new Arithmetics for 8th and 9th grades.

Our teachers are nearly all unanimous in saying that these changes in books just made are an improvement over the old ones that were in use before.

I would urge the parents to look after their children and see that they keep their school books in good condition,

when they have them at home. There have been several instances where new books have been entirely destroyed in one term's use. Please read the printed rules carefully on the inside cover of each book.

Our school year ought not to be less than thirty-three weeks. We now have an extra school on our hands and with the same amount of money as was raised last year, our school year would be cut much shorter than it is now. Our teachers are not over-paid. Many are going elsewhere to find better wages. We need the best with us.

Thanking you all for the assistance and good will extended toward me throughout the year, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Burt W. Kilbreth, *Supt.*

Report of Board of Health.

The Board of Health of Peru submits their annual report for the year ending February 15, 1909.

We have had in town the past year one hundred twenty-five known cases of measles, two cases of whooping cough, four cases of scarlet fever, two nuisances removed, four deaths by tuberculosis which has caused your secretary to make certain recommendations to the State Board of Health with the result that they have brought the matter before the State Legislature with recommendations that some special legislation may be obtained to help us in our efforts to check the spread of this dread disease.

Approved { N. G. McINTIRE,
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